

City of Clayton
Clayton Team Registration
Frequently Asked Questions
Youth Soccer & Girls Volleyball

- 1. Why did the City of Clayton decide to start accepting team registrations for “Clayton Teams”?**
 - a. The current process of dividing teams, “drafting”, has become a superfluous process. After determining that a majority of the Clayton Teams have been divided by schools, we have decided to start allowing teams to be submitted in full and not go through the draft process.
- 2. Has the City of Clayton changed their philosophy on youth sports?**
 - a. No. Our philosophy will remain the same. We will remain a strictly recreational league and require equal playing time for all players. Scores will continue to be deemphasized and standings and statistics will not be kept.
- 3. Will all youth sports be accepting team registration?**
 - a. Yes. Starting with 2013 Youth Soccer and Girls’ Volleyball.
- 4. How do I go about organizing a team?**
 - a. Begin talking with your friends and neighbors about forming a team. Once a head coach has been determined, submit your registration form and payment. Registration packets (Available Soon!) are available on the youth sports website (www.claytonmo.gov/youthsports) as well as the Welcome Desk inside the Center of Clayton.
- 5. What if my child is not able to find a team to join?**
 - a. No problem. We will still accept individual registrations and assign them to a team once all teams have been submitted. Special requests will not be accepted. Individual players will be assigned where space is available.
- 6. Why is the Kindergarten soccer league only individual registration?**
 - a. At this age, students and parents are still meeting new friends. The City of Clayton will divide players based on school. Those parents who want to be a head coach will receive their registration for free; assistant coaches will receive half off the registration fee.
- 7. Can my child play on a team that is not part of the school they attend?**
 - a. Yes. Players that attend a Clayton School District school are able to form a team with any combination of players they would like.
- 8. How many people can be on a team?**
 - a. It is up to you. Please keep in mind equal playing time and that the cost is the same per team no matter how many players you have. We also ask that each team leave at least 2 spots available for individuals looking to join a team.
- 9. Can players from different grades be combined?**
 - a. It is our preference that players play in the same division as grade they are in. However, historically in Soccer and Baseball/Softball, 5th and 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade divisions have been combined.
- 10. If our team does not have a head coach will the City of Clayton provide one?**
 - a. No. It is each team’s responsibility to find a head coach.
- 11. Can non-Clayton residents play on my team?**
 - a. Yes. However in order to receive the Clayton Team benefits (uniforms, equipment, practice time), at least 80% of your team must live in Clayton or attend a Clayton School District school.

12. What is needed to submit my team?

- a. The head coach or team manager will need to submit a registration form, team roster, practice request form, coach's background check and payment. Registration packets are available at the Welcome Desk inside the Center of Clayton or online at www.claytonmo.gov/youthsports.

13. What is the cost for youth soccer?

- a. Grades 1-4 = \$900
- b. Grades 5-8 = \$1,200
- c. All league fees are due at the time of registration. Please make all checks payable to the City of Clayton. One check per team is our preference.

14. What is the cost for girls' volleyball?

- a. Grades 3-8 = \$750

15. When is the registration deadline?

- a. The deadline for Youth Soccer and Volleyball is Friday, July 26, 2013.

16. What is included in the team fee?

- a. 8 games as well as uniforms, practice equipment and practice time in Shaw Park. Kindergarten thru 4th grade will also receive trophies.

17. Will my team get to choose our uniforms?

- a. No. Uniform style, color, and numbers will be determined by the City of Clayton.

18. How is practice time determined?

- a. The head coach will submit a Practice Request Form included with the team's registration packet. We will try to accommodate the coach's first or second choice of practice time.

19. When do practices begin?

- a. Practices can begin the weekend of August 17-18, 2013.

20. When do games begin?

- a. The first weekend of games are scheduled for September 7-8, 2013.